

Invitation for Bid: Milk 2025 Questions & Answers

Regarding the milk bid, do you require fresh milk, or shelf-stable?

We require both fresh and shelf stable for use in the cafeteria.

I don't see any quantities listed for the milk. Can you please say what the quantity is?

Fresh milk orders vary. We usually order 20 cases each of chocolate and strawberry milk every other week and 10 cases of white, during the school year. Each case currently has 56.

We keep shelf stable milk on hand at all times. We usually order 50 cases of chocolate and 25-40 cases of white, monthly during the school year. Each case currently has 27.

Are there any changes to specifications or delivery requirements from previous years?

No changes.

What certifications or nutritional standards must vendors meet?

GADOE guidelines specify that only low-fat (1%) or fat-free milk (unflavored or flavored) can be served to children two years and older. All milk served must contain vitamins A and D at levels specified by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). <u>GADOE</u> also allows for lactose-reduced or lactose-free milk options (both fat-free or low-fat).

Can you clarify the delivery schedule and any blackout dates?

Deliveries should be made on Tuesdays (if once a week). Daily deliveries should be made before 9:00 am.

Is pricing fixed for the contract term, or are adjustments allowed?

See the IFB section IV. PRICING INFORMATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT under Section 3, Special Terms and Conditions.

Are fuel surcharges or delivery fees permitted?

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All bid prices must include all charges for packing and transporting to the school. Separate fuel charges will not be added to invoices.

Are evaluation criteria based solely on price, or are other factors considered?

See the IFB section IV. EVALUATION FACTORS under Section 3, Special Terms and Conditions.

Could you provide more details on unused milk pickup?

Unused milk needs to be picked up upon the next delivery and a credit needs to be issued for the unused or expired milk.

Are there any pre-bid meetings or deadlines not listed in the solicitation?

No.